

S.Y. Felt Stair Case
Galena, Illinois

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S.M. FELT CAST IRON STAIRCASE
JO DAVIESS COUNTY
GALENA, ILLINOISDISTRICT NO 26
NORTHERN ILLINOIS

PROSPECT STREET

EARL H. REED, JR.
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Project No. 26-16

By H.B. McEldowney

SOURCE

Miss J.E. Spensley and
Galena Illinois This stone staircase with cast iron posts and spindles and wrought iron rail, was designed and built by Adam and Andrew Telford of Galena between 1850 and 1860.

The stone retaining wall and steps are of mound stone quarried locally at Horse Shoe Mound, the steps being cut stone, the upper retaining wall coursed rubble stone, unfinished and irregularly bonded, while the lower retaining wall is of coursed ashlar, rough pointed and irregularly bonded, all laid in white cement and mortar. The walk leading from the steps to the main house is laid in a herring bone pattern of Galena brick and is undoubtedly part of the original as the pattern has been quite frequently used elsewhere in town.

The cast-iron posts and spindles were probably cast locally by Nicholas Dowling or J.W. Westwick, as both these men were local foundry men, most probably by Westwick, the grandfather of the present owners of J.W. Westwick & Son, Foundry, Galena, Illinois.

The stair leads from the grade of Prospect Street to a height of 30' 0" to the residence of F.H. Rickeman, the present owner.

By H.B. McEldowney (sup)Approved Earl H. Reed, Jr.
District Officer

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